

PORT OF ALLYN
Regular Meeting
May 4, 2020
MINUTES

Due to the Governor's "Stay Home Stay Healthy" Shelter in Place Executive Order, the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2020 was conducted via the Zoom virtual meeting platform, and called to order at 6 p.m. with the flag salute.

Present were Commissioners Ted Jackson (Chair), Scott Cooper; Vice Chair and Judy Scott. Staff present were Lary Coppola, Executive Director and LeAnn Dennis, Operations Manager. Also present were Gerry O'Keefe, WPPA's Senior Director of Environmental Affairs, and Mason Web TV filmed the video. An unidentified member of the public joined the meeting at a later time and left after a brief stay.

CONSENT ITEMS

All matters listed under Consent Items have been distributed to each member of the Commissioner for reading.

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting April 6, 2020.

Commissioner SCOTT made a MOTION to approve the minutes. SECONDED by Commissioner COOPER. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

- a. Payment of GF Vouchers #200501001 to #200501019 for \$9,880.24
- b. Payment of Payroll Vouchers #200502001 to #200502010 for \$14,515.25
- c. Payment of Water Fund Vouchers #200503001 to #200503002 for \$67.38

Commissioner SCOTT made a MOTION to accept Action items a, b c & d. SECONDED by Commissioner COOPER. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Judy Scott reported she met with Bonnie Knight and Toby Johnson about the Oyster House and that they were making great progress.

Commissioner Scott Cooper reported he attended the April 6, Zoom meeting of the Port and the Mason County EDC Zoom meeting, as well as a Sheltering in Place for Covid-19 at his office at the Fire District.

Commissioner Ted Jackson stated he attended the April 6, Port Zoom meeting, a meeting with Bill Rehe, the Executive Director and engineers for the placement of the pilings for the Oyster House platform. He also said the EDC was doing a tremendous job for a lot of Mason County's small businesses and non-profits.

SECURITY OFFICER'S REPORT

The Executive Director read the report prepared by Security Officer Travis Merrill. It stated that when he arrived at the Waterfront Park, that the Mason County Sheriff had a vehicle pulled over at the waterfront. After waiting for the officer to finish up with the occupants, he asked the officer what the issue was. He then replied at the driver, "needed to wait a while before driving." He then proceed to tell the officer that he, "would also talk to the vehicle occupants and remind them to "respect the park during their stay."

Being that Mason County Sheriff was “giving them a pass” he hardly felt he could really push them to do more than they had already decided was a non- issue.

He then discussed the lack of past action by the County covering our proposed Marina Rules and was highly critical of the way the Sheriff’s Department handled the entire situation. He felt that it denied the Port an opportunity for revenue as well as potentially endangered the public if the subjects were to drive away in their condition.

Commissioner Jackson expressed his disappointment and stated that he would have expected the Sheriff’s Officer to take action to prevent the subjects from driving, as the liability the situation presented was too high to tolerate. He said he talk to the Sheriff and express his opinion.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT *SEE ATTACHED

OLD BUSINESS *see Executive Director Report

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Jackson welcomed Mr. O’Keefe to the meeting and asked if he had anything in particular he wanted to share. He said only that it was good to attend, and that thanks to technology, WPPA staff was trying to sit in on Zoom meetings all over the state as a way to get closer to the member Ports. He said by being able to monitor Port meetings, it gave them information of issues of concern, as well as material for the Tuesday Zoom meetings WPPA conducts.

A discussion ensued about re-opening the Port facilities to the public. Commissioner Jackson asked if the Port needed to pursue a 3-phase plan to re-open the facilities. The Executive Director stated that he believed that was a good strategy, noting that other Ports had already opened their marinas, and that the State Parks were slated to open soon as well. He suggested the Port once again begin charging for use of the launch ramp, but that due to social distancing requirements the Gazebo was another matter entirely and a decision would need to wait on the County to move to the next phase of the Governor’s plan.

He did note that the Port had seen an uptick in the sale of annual launch passes in recent days, and had fielded some inquiries for the Gazebo for potential late summer booking dates.

The discussion moved to activities at the North Shore Launch, and the fact the neighbor was going to build a house and the current lighting was once again a problem. However, after meeting with him and the PUB, it appears a deal has been struck to relocate the light, and to add some lights across the street in the parking lot there.

Commissioner Cooper asked about re-opening the office, and the restrooms at the Park. This evolved into a discussion about porta-potti vendors, and the Executive Director informed the Commissioners that the Port had switched vendors as it came to light that the vendor we had been using was billing every 28 days – 13 times a year – and the switch would save about \$500 per year.

Commissioner Cooper had requested a discussion be put on the agenda concerning the removal of the ARC of the Peninsula’s collection bins on the Port’s property, and the mess that was being created because they were filling up quicker than they were being emptied, and creating a mess. He said he liked the ARC and supports what they do, but that he didn’t think it created a positive image for the Port when what is essentially trash is all over our property.

The Executive Director suggested having them temporarily removed until the local dumps reopen. He said he had talked to the Executive Director of the ARC and he said they are having that same problem everywhere they have bins. He said he ask the ARC to service them every other day and see if that didn’t solve the problem, and if it doesn’t, have them removed.

In the end, the Commissioners decided after some additional discussion that they just want the bins removed until the local dumps reopen. The Executive Director said he’ll take care of it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerry O’Keefe said that a lot of Ports are having the very same discussion about reopening facilities – especially boat launches and marinas.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Jackson talked about traffic accidents both on Highway 3 in Allyn as well as the North Shore. The discussion evolved into discussing several solutions and directed the Executive Director to contact WSDOT and the County to see what solutions are available in both places. Commissioner Jackson noted that WSP troopers have a program for things like this and he said he’d look into it.

Commissioner Jackson asked if anyone had heard anything about Allyn Days. No one had, but Commissioner Cooper noted that most events in Poulsbo had been cancelled. Commissioner Jackson said he had the feeling that most things in Lakeland will be.

A discussion started about where the majority of the Port’s property tax revenue was generated from. Although Lakeland generates a lot of money, the question of where they majority of it comes from remained unanswered.

Commissioner Jackson suggested holding another Commissioner’s retreat in the near future to discuss subjects like Sweetwater Park and get some public input on them.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

LeAnn Dennis, Operations Manager

COMMISSIONERS:

Ted Jackson, Chair

Scott Cooper, Vice Chair

Judy Scott, Commissioner